



HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP
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THE DAILY WHIPLINE

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
9: 30 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: 4:00 p.m.
Fifteen "One-minutes" Per Side	

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

The House will convene at 9:30 a.m. and recess immediately until 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Business.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **Suspension Bills:** Today, the House will consider several bills on the Suspension calendar. Bills considered on the Suspension calendar are debatable for 40 minutes; may not be amended; and require a two-thirds vote for passage. If a recorded vote is requested, it will be postponed.
 - 1) H.R. 5680** - To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans (Rep Grijalva – Natural Resources)
 - 2) H.R. 4179** - FAST Redress Act of 2007 (Rep. Clarke – Homeland Security)
 - 3) H.R. 5982** - The Biometric Enhancement for Airport-Risk Reduction Act of 2008 (Rep. Thompson (MS) – Homeland Security)
 - 4) H.R. 5909** - Catching Operational Vulnerabilities by Ensuring Random Testing Act of 2008 (Rep. Lowey – Homeland Security)
 - 5) H.Res. 1150** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines.
(Rep. Jackson-Lee - Homeland Security)
 - 6) H.R. 4749** - National Bombing Prevention Act of 2007 (Rep. King (NY) – Homeland Security)
 - 7) H.R. 1333** - The Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act (Rep. Dent – Homeland Security)
 - 8) H.R. 2631** - Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act (Rep. Schiff – Homeland Security)
 - 9) H.Res. 1230** - Condemning post election violence in Zimbabwe and calling for a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis (Rep. Payne – Foreign Affairs)

10) H.Res. 1270 - Commending the efforts of those who sought to block an international arms transfer destined for Zimbabwe, where the government has unleashed a campaign of violence and intimidation against members of the political opposition, and for other purposes (Rep. Ros-Lehtinen– Foreign Affairs)

11) H.Res. 1127 – Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press, as amended (Rep. Ackerman – Foreign Affairs)

12) H.Con.Res. 350 - Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States, through the International Whaling Commission, should use all appropriate measures to end commercial whaling in all of its forms, including scientific and other special permit whaling, coastal whaling, and community-based whaling, and seek to strengthen the conservation and management measures to facilitate the conservation of whale species, and for other purposes (Rep. Rahall – Foreign Affairs)

13) H.R. 6276 - Public Housing Disaster Relief Act of 2008 (Rep. Cazayoux/Rep. Childers –Financial Services)

14) Senate Amendments to H.R. 634 - American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act (Rep. Moore (KS) – Financial Services)

- **Complete consideration of H.R. 6063 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008 (Rep. Mark Udall- Science and Technology):** Continued consideration of the bill will proceed as follows:
 - Votes on pending amendments to the bill.
 - Lampson Amendment
 - Hodes Amendment
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on final passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on passage of the bill.**
- **Possible Vote to Override the President's Veto of H.R. 6124 - Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Rep. Peterson – Agriculture):** Debate on overriding the President's veto will be managed by Agriculture Committee Chair Rep. Peterson, and will proceed as follows:
 - Up to one hour of debate.
 - Vote on overriding the President's veto. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on overriding the President's veto.**
- **Possible Consideration of H.R. 5781 - Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008 (Rep. Maloney – Government and Oversight Reform)(Subject to a rule)**

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 6063 – NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008 *(Rep. Udall (CO) – Science and Technology)*

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the dawn of the United States space program. NASA is the nation's primary civil space and aeronautics R&D agency, and its current civil service workforce consists of approximately 18,400 employees. NASA conducts research and development activities in a wide range of disciplines including aeronautics, astrophysics, heliophysics, planetary science, Earth science and applications, microgravity research, and long-term technology development. NASA also operates a fleet of three Space Shuttles and is assembling and operating the International Space Station (ISS). NASA also maintains a space communications network that supports both NASA missions and other federal agency requirements. NASA's current authorization expires September 30, 2008.

H.R. 6063, the NASA Authorization Act of 2008 reaffirms the basic principles that NASA is and should remain a multi-mission agency with a balanced portfolio of programs in science, aeronautics, and human space flight, including human and robotic exploration beyond low Earth orbit. In addition, the bill also emphasizes the importance of NASA leadership in Earth observations and research, aeronautics R&D to address critical national needs such as the NextGen air traffic control management system, and an exploration program strengthened by international cooperation under strong U.S. leadership.

H.R. 6063 authorizes \$20.21 billion in funding for NASA in FY2009. This includes \$19.21 for:

- Science (\$4,932,200,000)
- Aeronautics (\$853,400,000)
- Exploration (\$3,886,000,000)
- Education (\$128,300,000)
- Space Operations (\$6,074,400,000)
- Cross-Agency Support Programs (\$3,299,900,000)
- Inspector General: (\$35,500,000)

The bill also includes \$1 billion in augmented funding to accelerate the development of the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) and Ares I Crew Launch Vehicle (CLV), which will replace the Space Shuttle. The Shuttle will be retired in 2010 and the CEV/CLV are currently not expected to be completed until 2015. The \$1 billion in augmented funding will help close this gap, when the U.S. will be reliant on other countries or commercial services (if they are available) for transportation to the International Space Station.

H.R. 6063 also adds an additional Space Shuttle flight to deliver the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer to the International Space Station (ISS) and contains provisions addressing near-Earth objects (such as asteroids), commercial initiatives including commercial crew services, NASA institutional capabilities, space weather, space traffic management, innovation prizes, astronaut health care, and study of export control policies.

H.R. 6063 includes recommendations and findings from 16 hearings that the Science and Technology Committee held throughout the 110th Congress to review every major aspect of NASA's programs. The bill was approved by the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee on May 20 and the full Science and Technology Committee on June 4, both by voice vote.

Pending Amendments to H.R. 6063

Lampson (TX): Exempts NASA from Section 526(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 if the contract does not specifically require the contractor to provide an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional source, the purpose of the contract is not to obtain an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source, and the contract does not provide incentives for a refinery upgrade or expansion to allow a refinery to use or increase its use of fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source. (10 minutes)

Hodes (NH): Establishes a scholarship program in honor of Christa McAuliffe, a teacher from Concord, New Hampshire who died in the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle disaster. The scholarship would go to women pursuing degrees in mathematics, science, and engineering. (10 minutes)

Quote of the Day

“Adversity is the first path to truth.” -Byron

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